

Commissioning Ceremony— For New Commissioners Who Have Been Duly Selected, Properly Oriented, and Trained in Commissioner Basic Training

Commissioning ceremonies should take place throughout the year so that a new commissioner receives his or her commission promptly after completing Commissioner Basic Training. While one ceremony may take place at the annual council commissioner conference or other council event, commissioning should also take place as needed at district and council commissioner staff meetings, or even in front of unit leaders at a district roundtable.

The ceremony is conducted by an administrative commissioner, usually a district commissioner or assistant district commissioner. The commissioning of a new district commissioner may be conducted by the council commissioner or assistant.

Suggested Script

Administrative Commissioner:

(Facing audience) The acceptance of a commission to provide effective service to Scouting units is one of the most important obligations made by an adult in the Boy Scouts of America. We are privileged today to present commissions to several new persons who will undertake this obligation.

(Facing candidates) You have been duly selected and oriented to serve as a commissioner in the Boy Scouts of America. You have also completed the important Commissioner Basic Training course. You have undertaken a leadership role in the council and district to help units succeed. You succeed only when the units that you serve succeed.

Let me now ask you three questions. Please raise your hand(s) in the Scout sign.

1. Do you promise, by example in your daily life, to make the Scout Oath and Scout Law a vital force in the lives of the youth and unit adults you serve? If so, say, "I do."

Candidates: I do.

Administrative Commissioner:

2. Do you promise to help make the program of the units you serve the best that can be given, rich in fun and adventure for youth and full of opportunities for their personal growth and service to others in the community?

Candidates: I do.

Administrative Commissioner:

3. Will you commit your top priority Scouting time to identifying unit needs and helping unit adults to meet those needs? Will you achieve this by doing such things as:

- Observing unit program
- Coaching unit leaders
- Guiding unit committees, and
- Extending the Scouting hand of friendship through at least monthly contact with the unit?

If so, say, "I will."

Candidates: I will.

Administrative Commissioner:

It is now my privilege and honor, on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America, to present your commissions.

(Now for each individual:

- Call out his/her name.
- Present the commission, No. 34773.
- Shake their hand.)